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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONFISCATION OF TOURIST SOUVENIRS

1. REV. DONALD STOUT, TRINITY CHRISTIAN CENTER, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA WROTE US THAT JORDANIAN CUSTOMS AGENTS AT THE ALLENBY BRIDGE CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED SOUVENIRS HIS 29 PERSON TOUR GROUP PURCHASED IN ISRAEL. THE GROUP FLEW TO AMMAN, TRAVELED OVERLAND TO ISRAEL FOR ONE WEEK AND RETURNED TO AMMAN FOR ITS DEPARTURE. THE TOUR WAS FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 26 TO MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1978. STOUT CLAIMED THE CUSTOMS AGENTS SAID THEY WOULD MORE DILIGENTLY CONFISCATE ISRAELI SOUVENIRS IN THE FUTURE.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE A SINGLE OCCURRENCE, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EXPLANATION OF THIS INCIDENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE JORDANIAN OFFICIALS. WE WILL SEND STOUT AN INTERIM REPLY. VANCE

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